

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Horace Michael Shultz, Jr., of Walters State Community College upon his nomination to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Tennessee Academic Team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exceptional students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment, have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Horace Michael Shultz, Jr., of Walters State Community College is one such astute and dedicated individual who was recently nominated for the highly selective and prestigious Phi Theta Kappa All-Tennessee Academic Team; and

WHEREAS, an international honor society founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa promotes the noble ideals of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service throughout its membership, which includes more than 300,000 active members and one million alumni; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa, Michael Shultz is pursuing two Associate of Science degrees in History and Philosophy of Law; he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was twice named to the President's List. His future ambitions include obtaining his doctoral degree so he can serve a reputable university as a professor and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shultz worked as an editorial assistant for Marc E. McClure, helping with his book *Kiffen Rockwell: First American Hero of the Great War*. Mr. Shultz also worked as a facilitator for the Douglas Cherokee Educational Authority, in which capacity he taught courses in world religions and pre-colonial American history; and

WHEREAS, Michael Shultz is a published author whose own work includes *The Patriarchal Lineage of the Hollinghead Family* and entries in his *American Patriarchs* series, such as *From Buckingham to Appalachia: The Majors – Arnwine Family Story*, *From Middlesex*

*to Appalachia: The Rogers Family Story, From Oxford to Appalachia: The Elmore Family Story, and From Brandenburg to Appalachia: The Shultz Family Story; and*

WHEREAS, heeding the call to serve his community, Mr. Shultz has volunteered with a number of organizations, including Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness, the Sweetwater Reading Initiative's Program to Assist Student Success, and the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Michael Shultz led the Volunteer Cemetery Restoration Initiative, which restored more than 100 historical memorials in cemeteries across Tennessee, North Carolina, and Kentucky, including Morristown Historic Cemetery, Branner Cemetery, Bethesda Historic Cemetery, Emert's Cove Cemetery, Sunderland Cemetery, Black Cemetery, Old Sweetwater Cemetery, Pineville Cemetery, Mossy Creek Baptist Cemetery, Old Harrogate Cemetery, Old Gray Cemetery, and New Providence Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Shultz received the Simpson Family Foundation Academic Excellence Award and was selected as a semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. His volunteer efforts have been honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution for Outstanding Acts of Historical Preservation and Outstanding Acts of Community Service; and

WHEREAS, he was selected as a member of the Tennessee All-Academic Team and was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, with which he achieved 5-Star Membership Status. He has been elected as both the student government representative and the vice president of fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Michael Shultz has achieved extraordinary academic success, joining the ranks of Tennessee's most elite students; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to recognize and applaud Mr. Shultz for his commitment to excellence and academic success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Horace Michael Shultz, Jr., of Walters State Community College upon his nomination for the Phi Theta Kappa All-Tennessee

Academic Team, applaud his outstanding academic achievements, and extend to him our most sincere wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.